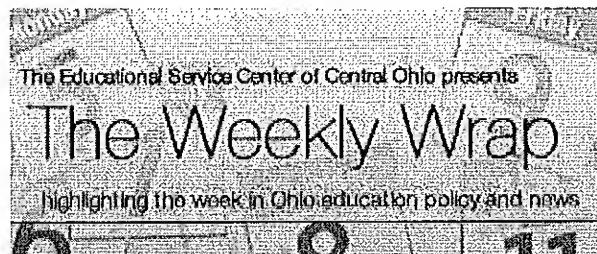


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OHIO SENATE PASSES BUDGET PROPOSAL – *The Ohio Senate passed its version of the FY18-19 biennial budget (HB49) this week by a vote of 24-8. Prior to passage, the bill was amended on Monday to include alternative pathways to graduation for the Class of 2018, among others. The alternative pathways included were those recommended by the state superintendent and the State Board of Education. The budget bill now moves to conference committee in which the House and Senate will settle the differences between their proposals. The conference committee is expected to report out the legislation next week allowing time for Governor Kasich to review, determine potential line-item vetoes, and sign into law by July 1. (NOTE: Education- and local government-related Ohio legislation updates are included at the end of each Wrap.)*

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Central Ohio Schools

Columbus State Program Helps Immigrant, Refugee Kids Acclimate after School and In Summer – Columbus Dispatch

- Welcome to an afternoon at one of Columbus State Community College's five ESL Afterschool Communities — its English as a Second Language program for elementary- and middle-school children in Franklin County that includes a six-week summer session

Senator Works to Convince Colleagues that Franklin County Schools Doing Fine – Columbus Dispatch

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Local Officials' Opioid Addiction Plan Focuses on Treatment, Education – Columbus Dispatch

- Franklin County and Columbus officials are calling for more treatment beds and education to fight against heroin and its man-made cousins

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

BW Bond/Levy Step Closer to November Ballot – Delaware Gazette

- The Big Walnut Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a combination bond/levy resolution at its meeting on June 15, putting the district a step closer to returning to the ballot this fall

CHILlicothe CITY SCHOOLS

Ross Data Ready to Analyze in Youth Hunger Project – Chillicothe Gazette

- Some attending also shared details of some of their efforts, including Mary Montgomery of the Chillicothe City School District who talked about the mobile food delivery the district is doing out of a converted school bus this summer

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Grant Might Help Apples' Appeal for Students – This Week

- Starting in the fall, the district plans to offer fresh, sliced Ohio apples as part of its lunch program, which serves 35,000 students daily

Treasurer Says Proposed Funding Cap Blow to District – This Week

- Columbus City Schools officials are keeping a watchful eye on the state biennial budget process, which could result in significant shortfalls in funding to the district

DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER

DACC Suspends Construction – Sunbury News

- The Delaware Area Career Center Board of Education has formally ordered that construction at the consolidated campus be halted and that a repeat of their renewal levy be placed on the ballot

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

Delaware City Schools Board Approves 8.35-Mill Emergency Levy – Delaware Gazette

- Voters in the Delaware City School District will have a levy to consider on Nov. 7

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Giardino Signs on as New Lincoln Elementary Principal – This Week

- Lincoln Elementary School will have a new principal, Claire Giardino, when the 2017-18 school year begins in Gahanna

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Student-Free Schools Still Bustle with Activity – This Week

- School might not be in session during the summer, but that doesn't mean the Grandview Heights City School District's buildings and facilities are idle

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Groveport Madison Board Ends Charter-School Sponsorship – This Week

- It wasn't academic underachievement that pushed Groveport Madison schools out of the charter-school business. It was a demand for more reporting -- and more paperwork -- from the state that Superintendent Bruce Hoover said made it impossible to meet compliance deadlines

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Non-Teaching Staff at Licking Heights Receive New Contract – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local Schools recently awarded its non-teaching staff with a new three-year contract

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Sawyers: Buildings' Ages Spur Levy Talk – This Week

- The buildings in the New Albany-Plain Local School District are aging, and district leaders say maintenance and technology improvements for them provide the basis for a potential permanent-improvements levy on the fall ballot

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Olentangy Board to Superintendent: Stick around a While – This Week

- A contract extension will make sure Mark Raiff still leads the Olentangy Local School District when Berlin High School opens for the 2018-19 school year

Contract Extension for Raiff on Table – Delaware Gazette

- The Olentangy Board of Education will consider a five-year extension of Superintendent Mark Raiff's contract

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Deal Keeps Thomas-Manning in Reynoldsburg School District – This Week

- Explanations are scarce as to why the Reynoldsburg Board of Education signed an agreement with outgoing Superintendent Tina Thomas-Manning that will keep her on the district payroll for a year as a consultant

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Central Voice Members Use Video to Increase Understanding – This Week

- Some Westerville Central High School English as a Second Language students want people to know they are like everyone else

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

New Worthington Kilbourne Principal Looks Forward to Joining the 'Pack' – This Week

- New principal Aric Thomas said he is proud to become a "part of the wolf pack= 2 at Worthington Kilbourne High School

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Education Department Still Weighing Fate of 11 Poorly Rated Charter Sponsors – Columbus Dispatch

- When the state rated 21 Ohio charter-school sponsors as “poor” in October, those sponsors were to permanently lose their authority to oversee charter schools. Eight months later, with this year’s evaluations about to begin again, the Ohio Department of Education is still working on what will happen with 11 “poor” sponsors

ODE Welcomes New Director of the Office for Exceptional Children – ODE

- The Ohio Department of Education announces that Kimberly Monachino, Ed.D., is the new director of the Office for Exceptional Children. She will begin on Aug. 1 and brings to the Department a wealth of experience in supporting the education of diverse learners

Upcoming WorkKeys Changes – WorkKeys 2.0 – ODE

- On June 1, ACT released a new version of the WorkKeys assessment. This new version has several significant changes, including different assessment names, items and scoring scales

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Joint Education Oversight Committee

Senate Budget Targets New Joint Education Panel for Elimination – Hannah

- Not much more than a year after it launched, the Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC) is on the chopping block, targeted for dissolution by October in the Senate’s version of the biennial budget. Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said the General Assembly doesn’t need a special joint committee to perform the panel’s intended work

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Lowering Farmland Values Means Homeowners Will Pay Higher Taxes – Columbus Dispatch

- A plan by legislative Republicans to give a tax break to farmers would mean higher property taxes for Ohio homeowners and less revenues for schools

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Kasich Says He Won't Roll Back Business Tax Cut – Columbus Dispatch

- While Ohio's tax revenue has been falling well short of projections, opening up a budget shortfall that some say could reach \$1 billion, Gov. John Kasich on Monday insisted that Ohio is not the same as Kansas, where major budget problems prompted GOP lawmakers to repeal a host of major tax cuts

Obhof: 'Things Look Good Overall' on Budget – Hannah

- A day before the Senate was expected to take up HB49 (R. Smith), the biennial budget, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) told reporters he's happy overall where the chamber ended up on the budget and that he expects no last minute amendments from his side to be added during floor session

Budget Amendment Freezes Medicaid Expansion Enrollment – Hannah

- The policy was one of several changes accepted in the omnibus amendment to HB49 (R. Smith), which was reported out by the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday. Committee Chairman Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton) said the budget is balanced, cutting \$1.055 billion from the as introduced level

New GOP Plan Freezes Medicaid Expansion, Eases Graduation Rules – Columbus Dispatch

- Responding to school officials who warned that too many students were not on track to graduate, members of the Class of 2018 can, under the new

provision, graduates if they meet at least two new requirements: 93 percent attendance, a 2.5 grade-point average, work while attending school or perform community service

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House Democrats Outline Their Objections to Senate-Passed Budget – Columbus Dispatch

- Majority Republicans have crafted an unsound state budget that fails to serve the needs of everyday Ohioans, minority House Democrats said

State Revenue Falls \$1 Billion Short of Estimate – Columbus Dispatch

- Senate Republicans were wise to pass a budget this week that accounted for a \$1 billion revenue shortfall, considering the new revenue estimate

New OBM, LSC Revenue Projections Confirm \$1 Billion Shortfall – Hannah

- As the conference committee on HB49 (R. Smith) begins hammering out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the FY18-19 biennial budget, new projections from the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) and the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) confirmed Thursday that lawmakers have \$1 billion less to work with than was originally thought when the bill was introduced in February

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Shared Services Hasn't Saved State Much, But Still Deemed Successful – Columbus Dispatch

- The Kasich administration advocated shared services as a solution to an economy ravaged by the recession and the decision to shrink the Local Government Fund. That fund has since been supplemented by the Local Government Innovation Fund, which awards grants to municipalities to experiment with efficient service-delivery models

House Finance Hears Brenner's School Funding Redesign Proposal – Hannah

- Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell) got a chance to pitch colleagues on his plan for a major overhaul of school funding that would allow money to follow students and end the use of local property tax levies for K-12 education

High School Graduation Requirements Eased under Senate Proposal – Cleveland Plain Dealer

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House Passes Slew of Bills, Votes to Send Budget to Conference – Hannah

- The House cleared a lengthy calendar of bills Wednesday as the General Assembly's summer break approaches, approving measures to set standards for teaching computer science, enable crowdfunding for small businesses and update voting, environmental and traffic laws, among other legislation

Barnes Bill Addresses Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence on College Campuses – Hannah

- Saying he wanted to introduce legislation that would take a proactive approach to addressing sexual assault and other dating violence on college campuses, Rep. John Barnes (D-Cleveland) Wednesday presented his HB240 to the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee with a video

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Ohio Local Government

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Ohio Reports

Standards Implementation in Ohio: Local Perspectives on Policy, Challenges, Resources, and Instruction – C-SAIL

- This analysis examines select questions from a spring 2016 survey administered to districts, principals, and teachers in the state of Ohio. We employed a stratified random sampling technique designed to ensure the sample was representative of districts in Ohio. Forty-two Ohio districts completed the survey

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Federal & US Department of Education

Report That DeVos Will Limit Civil Rights Probes Alarms Top Senate Democrat – EdWeek

- The top Democrat on the Senate education committee is expressing dismay at a report from ProPublica that Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and her team want to scale back the Obama administration's approach to investigating civil rights complaints

Education Department Says That It Will Scale Back Civil Rights Investigations – EdWeek

- The Department of Education is scaling back investigations into civil rights violations at the nation's public schools and universities, easing off mandates imposed by the Obama administration that the new leadership says have bogged down the agency

Alternative System for Registered Apprenticeships – Inside Higher Ed

- President Trump signed an executive order that seeks to expand apprenticeships, in part by opening the door to alternative education providers and giving industry groups a more active role with the federal apprenticeship program

Trump Team Hurries to Soothe States Worried about ESSA

- The Trump administration is under pressure to explain its extensive early feedback on state plans to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act, and it appears to be responding

Trump Administration Wants Advice on Cutting Back Education Regulations – EdWeek

- The agency put a notice in the Federal Register Wednesday asking the education community to identify specific guidance and regulations that are

driving up costs, or creating too much extra work for states, districts, and educators

Secretary DeVos Issues Statement on Regulatory Reform Task Force Progress Report – USDOE

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos today released the following statement on the Department's Regulatory Reform Task Force's first progress report as required by President Donald Trump's Executive Order 13777

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos Delivers on Promise of Year Round Pell and Increased Flexibility for Students – USDOE

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced Year Round Pell grants will be available to students beginning July 1, 2017. This policy change will ensure hundreds of thousands of college students have the resources needed to finish their coursework in a timeframe that meets their individual needs

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Education Policy & Finance

The Critical Importance of Costs for Education Decisions – USDOE/IES/NCEERA

- This brief provides guidance to decision makers in schools, districts, state education departments, and intermediary organizations about ways that cost analyses can help inform their decisions about program choices, budgets, and strategies

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School Improvement

Does Closing High Schools Change Student Outcomes? It Depends on Where Students Go Next – Chalkbeat

- The research on whether closing and combining schools leads to better results for students is mixed. Student outcomes depend on how well the closures are executed and whether the newly consolidated schools offer students a better education

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Early Learning

Which Countries Spend the Most on Early-Childhood Education? – EdWeek

- Norway and Sweden spent nearly 2 percent of their gross domestic product on early-childhood programs and education in 2013, while the United States spent 0.4 percent—well below the 0.8 average of all of the countries included in an analysis released Wednesday from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

The Future of Learning: Redefining Readiness from the Inside Out – KnowledgeWorks

- To help all learners prepare for the new employment landscape, this paper forecasts key characteristics of future work and proposes a framework for redefining readiness. As depicted below, that new foundation for readiness focuses on core social-emotional skills and foundational cognitive and metacognitive practices. The paper goes on to explore how this new foundation for readiness might help people navigate new employment landscapes

Job Losses Linger – Inside Higher Ed

- Adolescents who see widespread layoffs around them as they grow up are less likely to enroll in college -- even if no one in their family loses a job

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Curriculum

New Study Shows the Impact of PBL on Student Achievement – Edutopia

- Researchers in Michigan show that project-based learning in high-poverty communities can produce statistically significant gains in social studies and informational reading

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Leadership

What It Takes to Operate and Maintain Principal Pipelines – Wallace Foundation/RAND Corporation

- The study examines the resources that the districts drew on as they built and operated principal pipelines to produce an adequate supply of highly qualified school leaders. The districts are all part of The Wallace Foundation's Principal Pipeline Initiative, a five-year effort launched in 2011

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International Benchmarking

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations
STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

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STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 24-8, House does not concur, Vote 93-1; Referred to Conference Committee

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public

employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Rutherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 96-1

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee – Reported out; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 33-0; House concurs, Vote 83-11

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 78-12

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to

students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Peland) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

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SENATE

SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to

develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment
STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

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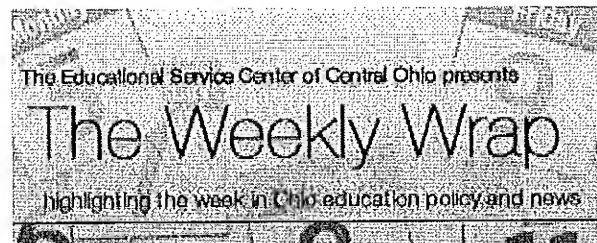
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OHIO LEGISLATION UPDATE

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OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES BUDGET BILL – *The Ohio*

General Assembly has passed the biennial budget bill (HB49) for FY18-19 by votes of 59-38 in the House and 24-8 in the Senate. Governor Kasich is currently reviewing the legislation and is expected to announce line item vetoes and sign the bill into law today. The legislation includes: the elimination of the 4th and 6th grade social studies state tests; a paper testing option for schools; additional graduation requirements pathways for the Class of 2018; elimination of the Straight A Fund; elimination of the Resident Educator program; and much more. (NOTE: Education- and local government-related Ohio legislation updates are included at the end of each Wrap.)

HB49 Comparison Document (as reported by Conference Committee) – Legislative Service Commission

HB49 Budget in Detail (as reported by Conference Committee) – Legislative Service Commission

HB49 OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Conference Committee – Reported out, Vote 4-2; House approved Conference Committee report, Vote 59-38; Senate approved Conference Committee report, Vote 24-8

Conference Committee Approves Budget – Hannah

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Central Ohio Schools

Education-Assist Partnership Off to Slow Start – Columbus Dispatch

- The public-private partnership, which was formed a few years ago to give a boost to Columbus-area children, had been very quiet in the months since its first chief executive officer resigned to take another job. But on June 20, the FutureReady board met for the first time since before Lillian Lowery left in mid-April

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BIG WALNUT LCOAL SCHOOLS

BOE Certifies Petition to Change School Districts – Sunbury News

- A petition by residents seeking to change their property's school district classification has been approved by the Delaware County Board of Elections

BW Bond/Levy Step Closer to November Ballot – Sunbury News

- The Big Walnut Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a combination bond/levy resolution at its meeting on June 15, putting the district a step closer to returning to the ballot this fall

BUCKEYE VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS

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CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOLS

District, State OK Renovation Agreement – This Week

- The Canal Winchester Board of Education took another step June 19 toward starting a major construction and remodeling project

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS

Campus Work Expected to Be More Visible Soon – Chillicothe Gazette

- The "more exciting" aspect of the Chillicothe City Schools' elementary campus construction projects should be beginning soon, the district's Board of Education learned Monday evening

DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER

House Bill to Aid DACC Passes – Sunbury News

- The Ohio House bill aimed at extending the Delaware Area Career Center's renewal levy is on its way to Gov. John Kasich after gaining passage in the House and Senate

Kasich Signs DACC Levy Legislation – Delaware Gazette

- Gov. John Kasich signed an Ohio House bill Wednesday that means Delaware County residents will not have to vote a second time on a renewal levy for the Delaware Area Career Center

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

District Plans Fall Levy as State Audit Suggests Cuts – This Week

- The Delaware City School District will seek an emergency levy in the fall to ward off looming deficit woes that could necessitate fee hikes and staff cuts

Excitement Builds for Modernized Hayes – This Week

- As crazy as it sounds, Hayes High School Principal Ric Stranges thinks students will be excited to return to their studies when summer vacation ends

Smith Elementary School Construction Nearing Conclusion – Delaware Gazette

- The construction project to add new classrooms and a gymnasium to accommodate fifth graders at Smith Elementary School is nearly completed

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Vows to Review Policy in Light of Lee Case – This Week

- Dublin City Schools Superintendent Todd Hoadley committed to reviewing district practices in response to the federal pornography charges brought against former Scioto High School social-studies teacher Gregory Lee.

FAIRBANKS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Memorial Hospital to Provide Drug Testing for Fairbanks Athletes – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- The Fairbanks Board of Education voted to have Memorial Hospital be its provider of drug testing for student athletes for the 2017-2018 school year

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

K-12 Firm to Help G-J Find Next Treasurer – This Week

- The Gahanna-Jefferson school board is expected to hire an interim treasurer by June 30 and have a permanent treasurer in September

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Groveport Madison Considering Updating Its Logos – Columbus Messenger

- Groveport Madison Schools are not only getting a new high school, but the district is considering a new look for its logos

MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

Edgewood Principal Selection Narrowed to Five Candidates – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- The Marysville Exempted Village School District made a selection of five candidates for the role of Edgewood Elementary School's new principal

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

District Enters Summer Pointed in 'Right Direction' – This Week Eagle Eye on Education

- Michael Sawyers, superintendent of New Albany-Plain Local Schools, writes that they began their year committing to "students first" by grounding the work of their school district within their statement of purpose, "to create a culture of accountability that achieves the best academic and developmental outcomes for each student," and to do so within a sustainable budget

NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Interviews Slated for Northridge Superintendent Candidates – This Week

- Interviews begin June 27 for the next superintendent of Northridge Local Schools. Six candidates will meet with the school board June 27 and 28

OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

Raiff Gets Vote of Confidence, Five More Years – This Week

- A contract extension will keep the Olentangy Local School District's top administrator in place through the end of the 2022-23 school year

Olentangy BOE Approves Raiff Contract – Delaware Gazette

- The Olentangy Local Schools board of education unanimously approved a five-year contract extension for Superintendent Mark Raiff

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Reynoldsburg School and Superintendent Reach Agreement – Columbus Messenger

- The long odyssey between Superintendent Tina Thomas-Manning and the Reynoldsburg Board of Education is coming to an end

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

UA School District Plans 8.92-Mill Levy-Bond Combo for Fall – This Week

- Upper Arlington City Schools will ask voters in November to approve a combined 8.92-mill operating levy and bond issue

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Summer Classes Pay Many Dividends for Time Spent – This Week

- About 300 Westerville City School District students are taking classes this summer for credit advancement or replacement

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

ODE Awards Mentoring Grants – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education announced the latest recipients of state mentoring grants Monday, saying 116 community partnerships will share \$9.9 million

Community Connectors Mentoring Grants Awarded – ODE

- In the latest round of grants in the Community Connectors school mentorship program, 116 community partnerships will share \$9.9 million to mentor approximately 33,000 Ohio students

State Board of Education Discusses Third Grade Reading Guarantee Promotion Scores – Hannah

- A State Board of Education Committee Tuesday examined preliminary data regarding the number of students who are meeting standards under Ohio's third grade reading guarantee

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

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Lawmakers' Medicaid Freeze Sets Up Ohio Budget Showdown with Kasich – Columbus Dispatch

- Republican state lawmakers want to freeze Medicaid-expansion enrollment starting in July 2018, potentially cutting off health-care coverage for hundreds of thousands of low-income adults and likely setting up a veto showdown with Gov. John Kasich

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\$65.5B Budget Passes; Veto Battle with Kasich Looms – Columbus Dispatch

- The House and Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a new two-year, \$65.5 billion budget, and legislative leaders say they could return next week to override Gov. John Kasich's possible veto of a Medicaid expansion freeze

Legislative Leaders Signal Willingness to Override Vetoes after Final Budget Votes – Hannah

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Education Budget Includes Formula Tweaks, Testing Rollback, Graduation Rules – Hannah

- The new state budget gives school districts a tiny increase in per-student funding, sets a flexible gain cap to accommodate districts with rapid enrollment growth and shrinks the timeframe within which population loss can lead to loss of guarantee funding

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Who Is Running for Which Office in Ohio – Columbus Dispatch

- With Mike DeWine's announcement for governor on Sunday, here's a look at who plans to run for statewide office in 2018

DeWine Announces for Governor, Stresses Better Schools, Fight Against Opioids – Columbus Dispatch

- Long-harbored plans finally were acknowledged Sunday afternoon featuring a candidate and down-home setting familiar to generations of Ohio Republicans

Democrats Join Races for State Treasurer, Auditor – Columbus Dispatch

- Democratic candidates have joined races for two statewide offices. Rob Richardson Jr. is running for treasurer and former U.S. Rep. Zack Space is running for auditor

States Take on Competency Based Education – EducationDIVE

- At least five state legislatures have considered bills pertaining to strengthening competency-based education measures in their state, according to a new policy snapshot from Education Commission of the States

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Kasich Signs Three Bills – Hannah

- Gov. John Kasich Wednesday signed the following three bills into law, including HB124

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Ohio Reports

Advancing Higher Quality State Assessments ? Education First

- With HQAP resources, these state and national leaders engaged in reviews of state test quality, developed materials for better engaging parents and teachers and commissioned research into public opinion about the importance of testing. We've collected some of the best resources our partners created and/or recommended
- See Ohio-focused briefing [here](#)

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NATIONAL/WORLD

Federal & US Department of Education

Why Betsy DeVos Is Cheering the Supreme Court's Church Playground

Decision – Washington Post

- Advocates for private-school vouchers cheered the Supreme Court's 7-to-2 decision Monday that the state of Missouri could not deny a playground resurfacing grant to a church, calling the decision a first step toward an end to state bans on using public money to pay tuition at parochial schools

Supreme Court Ruling Could Shape Future of School Choice – New York Times

- A Supreme Court ruling that a church-run preschool must be granted publicly funded tire scraps for its playground seemed on Monday to be narrowly drawn, attracting even the votes of two of the court's liberal justices, Elena Kagan and Stephen G. Breyer

DeVos: Supreme Court Sends Clear Message that Religious Discrimination Cannot Be Tolerated – USDOE

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Education Policy & Finance

An Independent Review of State ESSA Plans – Bellwether Education Partners/Collaborative for Student Success

- Keeping student success at the heart of these plans is paramount. That's why Bellwether Education Partners, in partnership with the Collaborative for Student Success, convened an objective, independent peer review of state accountability plans in order to look beyond mere compliance with the federal process, encourage all states to adopt high-quality plans, and provide a resource for state leaders working to help all students succeed

Student-Centered Funding for Districts – Foundation for Excellence in Education

- Through incentives and other actions, state policymakers can ensure that the funding they send to districts fully follows students from school to school

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Standards & Assessments

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- Schools across the country are watching as some New Hampshire schools start relying less on standardized testing and more on performance-based assessments

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Teacher Effectiveness

New Teacher Center i3 Evaluation – New Teacher Center

- Final results from the U.S. Department of Education's Investing in Innovation (i3) Validation grant show that the New Teacher Center's (NTC's) teacher induction model for new teachers increases student learning in grades 4-8 by an additional 2-4 months in ELA/reading and an additional 2-5 months in math. These third-party evaluation results prove that the NTC induction model yields statistically significant gains in student learning - a gold-standard that few peer organizations can demonstrate

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School Choice

Voucher Students Show Rough Transition in Louisiana, Indiana Private Schools – EdWeek

- In results likely to add fuel to an already fiery debate over President Trump's planned expansion of private school vouchers, new evaluations show mixed results for voucher students in Indiana and Louisiana, particularly in students' first years in private schools

A Mixed Bag on Private School Vouchers – US News & World Report

- As the Trump administration champions school choice policies, new studies show they have both positive and negative effects

Supreme Court Ruling Could Shape Future of School Choice – New York Times

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Does Choice Increase Information? Evidence from Online School Search Behavior – National Bureau of Economic Research

- We examine whether changes in the local school choice environment affect the amount of information parents collect about local school quality, using data on over 100 million searches from greatschools.org

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

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Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth

What Teens Want from Their Schools: A National Survey of High School

Student Engagement – Fordham Institute

- Among high school students who consider dropping out, half cite lack of engagement with the school as a primary reason, and 42 percent report that they don't see value in the schoolwork they are asked to do. In *What Teens Want: A National Survey of High School Student Engagement*, the Thomas B. Fordham Institute and Crux Research tackle the question of what truly motivates and engages students in high school

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

State Transparency on College and Career Readiness – Achieve

- Before we can improve high school graduates' readiness for success, educators, parents, and states have to have a complete picture of how students are actually doing. This new set of reports evaluates the transparency of every state's public reporting on eight indicators of college and career readiness

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Curriculum

4 Ways to Strengthen Computer Science Education – eSchool News

- States are progressing toward a number of goals that aim to make computer science education a priority, but there is still more to do—especially when it comes to adopting K-12 computer science standards, according to a new report

How Silicon Valley Pushed Coding into American Classrooms – New York Times

- Code.org is now one of the largest providers of free online coding lessons and more comprehensive computer science curriculums. It has also provided training workshops to more than 57,000 teachers

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State of the States Landscape Report: State-Level Policies Supporting Equitable K-12 Computer Science Education – EDC

- This report surveys state-level efforts to improve access to K-12 computer science education opportunities in the United States. The report examines progress towards 10 policy priorities widely seen as central to broadening participation in K-12 computer science education and offers recommendations for advocates and policymakers on improving alignment of state-level efforts. Emerging best practices in scaling up computer science education opportunities are also addressed

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is

included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Conference Committee – Reported out, Vote 4-2; House approved Conference Committee report, Vote 59-38; Senate approved Conference Committee report, Vote 24-8

HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Reported out; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to

create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and
to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees
STATUS: Introduced

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SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82 SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one

hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

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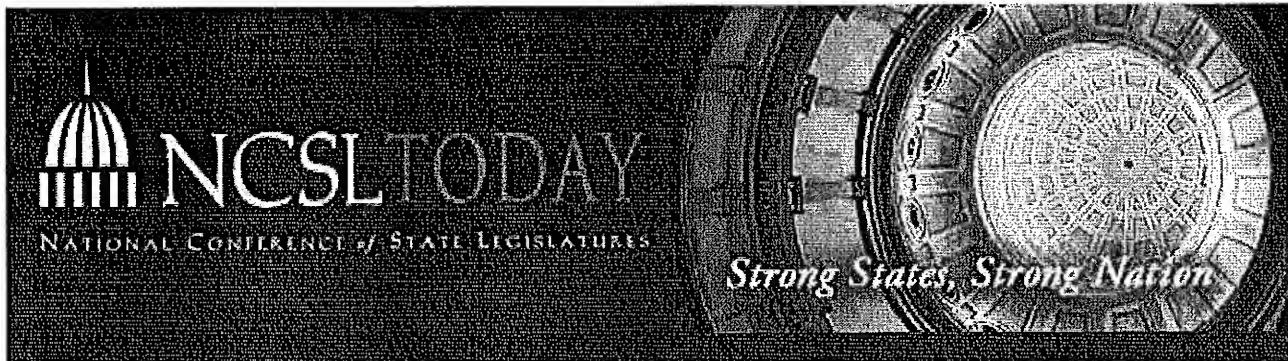
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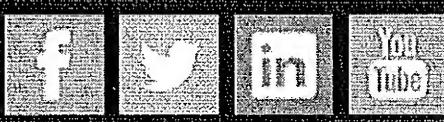
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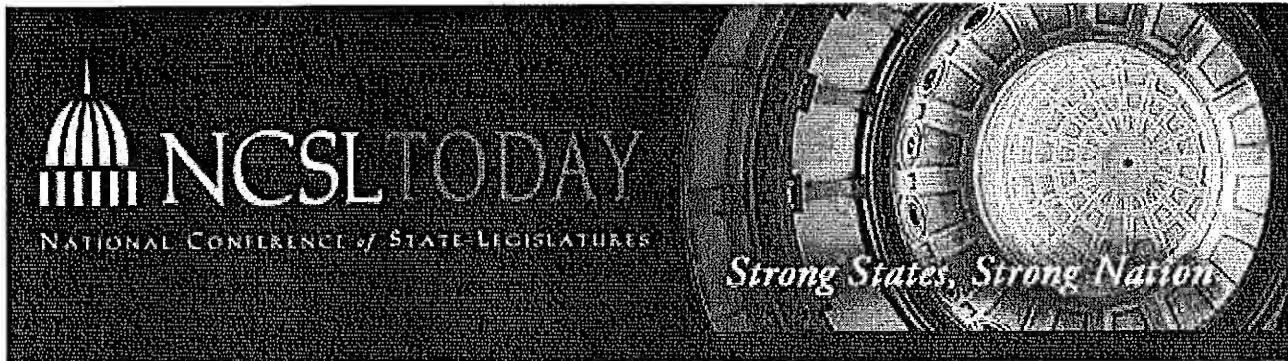
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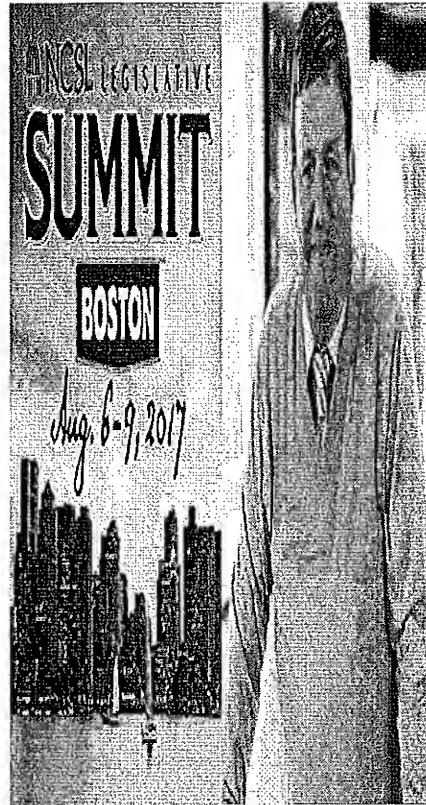
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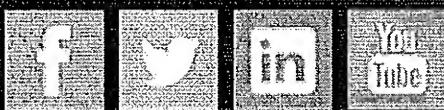
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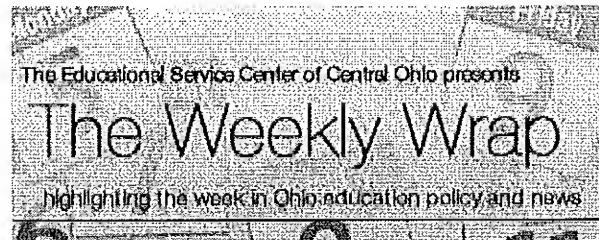
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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES ESSA PLAN – *The*

State Board of Education met this week and approved an amended Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan to be forwarded on to Governor Kasich for review. State Board committees have been meeting and reviewing the plan for several months after submission to the U.S. Department of Education was delayed this past spring. The Governor will now review the plan prior to submission for federal approval in September.

State Board Approves ESSA Plan; Third Grade Reading Guarantee Cut Score – Hannah

- The Ohio State Board of Education voted unanimously Tuesday to approve an amended version of the state's plan for implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in addition to approving an English and language arts cut score for the third grade reading guarantee and postponing a vote on recommending changes to end-of-course testing requirements to a future meeting

State School Board Approves Bare Bones ESSA Plan with a Few Adjustments – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state's new education plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) makes few changes that anyone will directly notice in classrooms. But anger over the first version of Ohio's bare-bones plan put a few more noticeable changes in motion, including some reductions in state testing - with more likely on the way

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – ODE

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, asks Ohio to clearly articulate its plans for using federal funds to ensure accountability for all students, create safe and supportive learning environments, encourage innovation and extended learning opportunities, and more

STATE TEST SCORES SHOW GENERAL IMPROVEMENT – *The State Board of Education was briefed by State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria on student test score results from the 2016-17 school year. In grades three through eight, statewide student proficiency rates improved on 15 of 16 assessments. On the ten high school end-of-course assessments, statewide proficiency rates increased on five and decreased on five. Schools and districts are currently reviewing and verifying their respective data with Local Report Cards due to be released September 15th.*

Ohio High Schoolers Test Poorly in Math – Columbus Dispatch

- It's too soon to tell how it will shake out for upcoming high school seniors, but preliminary scores on end-of-course tests show mixed results two years after tougher state proficiency tests were put in place

Ohio Students Scored Better on English Tests This Year, But Sometimes Worse in Math – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Ohio students scored better on the state's English tests this year than last year - with proficiency rates rising 5-6% for most grades - but they had much smaller gains in math and sometimes scored worse

Early Numbers Show General Improvement in Student Test Scores – Hannah

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Central Ohio Schools

Franklin County Property Values Expected to Increase by Double Digits – Columbus Dispatch

- Property values in Franklin County are expected to rise by double digits when results from a reappraisal are finalized this year, the Franklin County auditor’s office said

Women, Minorities See Barriers to Schools' Top Job – Columbus Dispatch

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of Education data. Women make up around 25 percent of superintendents nationally

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

District Technology Director Goes to Washington – This Week

- Paul Ross vacated the district's technology-director position at the end of June. Ross said he has accepted a position as the new technology director for the Federal Way Public Schools in King County, Washington

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus School Board Approves Budget, Remains Silent on Teacher Raises – Columbus Dispatch

- The Columbus Board of Education passed a \$1.37 billion spending plan for the 2017-18 school year on Friday that left the fate of whether its teachers would get a pay raise up in the air

"Errors" Could Unfairly Force Some Ohio Students to Repeat Third Grade, School Officials Warn – Cleveland Plain Dealer

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More Ohio Third Graders Could Be Held Back after State Testing Changes – Columbus Dispatch

- Several urban school districts, including Columbus City Schools, say changes in scoring on the state's reading tests might have left hundreds, or even thousands, of students at risk of being held back in August

DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER

Kasich Signs DACC Funding Bill – Delaware Gazette

- State Representatives Andrew Brenner (R-Powell) and Rick Carfagna (R-Genoa Township) commended Governor John Kasich's signing of legislation they jointly sponsored to ensure funding for the Delaware Area Career Center, as approved by county residents in 2015

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

Delaware City Schools Approves New Hires, Pay Increase – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved hiring a number of new teachers and approved a 2-percent pay increase for staff at their meeting

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Laptops Are First Step in Dublin's Move Away from Textbooks – This Week

- When sixth- and ninth-graders return to classes in the Dublin City School District after summer break, they'll be outfitted with new Google Chromebook laptop computers to use in and out of the classroom

Hoadley Will Address Personnel Policies July 13 – This Week

- Dublin Superintendent Todd Hoadley said he plans Thursday, July 13, to discuss the school district's plan to review policies and procedures in the wake of former Dublin Scioto High School social-studies teacher Gregory Lee's arrest on federal pornography charges

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Gahanna-Jefferson's Schmidt Chosen to Lead Northridge Schools – Columbus Dispatch

- The central office shuffle continues in central Ohio school districts. Northridge schools in northern Licking County announced on Friday that its new superintendent will be Scott Schmidt

District to Have One Preschool Site – This Week

- The Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools' preschool program will be in one location at Clark Hall, 380 Granville St., beginning next month

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

District Loads Lessons into Compressed Math Classes – This Week

- The Grandview Heights City School District will offer a new, compressed math course in 2017-18 that squeezes a year and a half's worth of learning into a single school year

Building Options Culled, But More Opinions Needed – This Week District Notebook

- Andy Culp, superintendent of Grandview Heights City Schools, writes that the district's master facilities planning process is making significant progress

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Groveport Madison Logo Debate Rages On; Also New Scoreboard Approved – Columbus Messenger

- The Groveport Madison Board of Education could not reach a consensus on July 12 regarding a decision on a new "GM" logo for the district

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

District Signs Off on ASL Classes – This Week

- This school year, Hilliard for the first time will offer American Sign Language as a course at the McVey Innovative Learning Center

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Licking Heights Discusses Future Uses for Former Jersey School – Pataskala Standard

- Even though voters in May approved a new building issue, Licking Heights Local Schools is not closing the door on a currently-unused school

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

PI Levy Options Sent to Auditor – This Week

- New Albany-Plain Local School school board members have taken another step toward putting a permanent-improvements levy on the November ballot

NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Northridge Selects Gahanna-Jefferson Administrator as New Superintendent – Newark Advocate

- Scott Schmidt will officially be hired by Northridge's Board of Education at its meeting July 17. Northridge's previous superintendent, Chris Briggs, left the district to take the superintendent position at Pickerington Local Schools

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REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Partnerships Needed to Change Mindsets about Bullying – This Week

- Changing mindsets. Creating a better culture. For a group of Reynoldsburg parents and some school board members, those are two overall goals to work toward as a way to combat bullying

TOLLES CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

New Superintendent Picked at Tolles Career & Technical Center – Columbus Business First

- Tolles Career & Technical Center has hired a new superintendent who says she understands the critical issue of companies not being able to find skilled workers

Benson Named New Tolles Superintendent – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- The Tolles Career and Technical Center Board of Education approved the hiring of Emmy Beeson as the district's new superintendent during their regular meeting

Tolles Welcomes New Superintendent – Columbus Messenger

- The Tolles Career & Technical Center school board approved the hiring of Emmy Beeson as the district's new superintendent

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Plans End in Request on Ballot – This Week

- After more than two years of community outreach and planning, the Upper Arlington Board of Education took the final step last week to place a combined 8.92-mill levy and bond issue on the November ballot

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

District Once Again Hopes to Duck Ballot – This Week

- Fiscal year 2017 came to a close June 30, leaving Whitehall schools closer to a balanced ledger than its leaders predicted last July

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Bowers Says Facilities Plan Still in Play – This Week

- Worthington City Schools' facilities plan still is in process

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

ESSA Plan, Testing Recommendations, Reading Cut Score on School Board Agenda – Hannah

- The State Board of Education is scheduled to vote next week to recommend changes to state testing requirements, though lawmakers have already moved ahead on that front

State Board Approves ESSA Plan; Third Grade Reading Guarantee Cut Score – Hannah

- The Ohio State Board of Education voted unanimously Tuesday to approve an amended version of the state's plan for implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in addition to approving an English and language arts cut score for the third grade reading guarantee and postponing a vote on recommending changes to end-of-course testing requirements to a future meeting

State School Board Approves Bare Bones ESSA Plan with a Few Adjustments – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state's new education plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) makes few changes that anyone will directly notice in classrooms. But anger over the first version of Ohio's bare-bones plan put a few more noticeable changes in motion, including some reductions in state testing - with more likely on the way

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – ODE

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, asks Ohio to clearly articulate its plans for using federal funds to ensure accountability for all students, create safe and supportive learning environments, encourage innovation and extended learning opportunities, and more

School Board Looks to Next Steps on Graduation Requirements – Hannah

- With new options for the class of 2018 to earn a diploma now on the books, the State Board of Education discussed plans for next steps Tuesday,

including how to determine if the new options are working and what to do for the class of 2019

State to Take Over as Sponsor of Two Reynoldsburg Charter Schools – Columbus Dispatch

- Two local charter schools originally overseen by Reynoldsburg schools will come under the sponsorship of the state of Ohio

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District Profile Webpage Upload Available July 15 - August 15 – ODE

- Beginning with the September 2017 report cards, the Department will include a link to a webpage your district can choose to create that describes your unique qualities and successes. Your district must provide its webpage URL to the Department between July 15 and Aug. 15, 2017

Requirements for Foster Care Students – ODE

- All guidance and support documents are located on the Department's website. You will find the model best interest determination form, sample transportation form and the most up-to-date lists of district, community school, educational service center and county child welfare agency points of contact

ODE Offers Resources for Coaches on Student Cardiac Arrest Law – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) said this week it has added resources to the Learning Management System, its online professional development network, for coaches at public and private schools to comply with Lindsay's Law, which is meant to prepare coaches to respond to sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes

Coaches May Now Take New Required Training through LMS – ODE

- To help public and nonpublic schools fulfill annual requirements included in the new Sudden Cardiac Arrest Law (also known as Lindsay's Law), the Ohio Department of Education has placed within its Learning Management System (LMS) the Ohio Department of Health's new 20-minute video and a related fact sheet on this topic

Career Advising Professional Learning Toolkit – ODE

- Career Connections offer practical ways for teachers and school counselors, families and community members to show students, as early as in kindergarten, the types of jobs possible for them

Ohio Expands Options for Students to Earn Industry-Recognized Credentials – ODE

- Ohio's high school students now have 49 more industry-recognized credentials at their fingertips, thanks to the input of companies and industries throughout the state. The Ohio Department of Education added the credentials to guide career-based program development and help students understand and prepare for Ohio's in-demand jobs and careers

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Updates for 2017 Administration – ODE

- The Ohio Department of Education requires public school districts and community schools to administer the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) to all first-time kindergarten students. Do not administer the KRA to any student retained in kindergarten

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

HB49 Budget Bill Comparison Document as Enacted – LSC

HB49 Budget in Brief as Enacted - LSC

HB49 Budget in Detail - LSC

Kasich Signs Budget Minutes before Midnight with 47 Vetoes – Hannah

- Gov. John Kasich put his signature on the budget at 11:52 p.m. Friday night, minutes before FY18 was set to begin. He told reporters that overall he is satisfied with the budget, despite 47 vetoes including language that would prevent the state from adding new enrollees under the Medicaid expansion authorized under the Affordable Care Act

Two State Tests Eliminated for Ohio School Students – Dayton Daily News

- Ohio students will see a slight reduction in state testing in the upcoming school year, as the state budget bill eliminated the fourth- and sixth-grade state social studies tests, effective immediately

In Defense of Veto, Kasich Contends Medicaid-Enrollment Freeze Is Illegal – Columbus Dispatch

- Fellow Republican Kasich unleashed 47 line-item vetoes, the most-prominent sidelining a move by the legislature's Republican majority to prevent new enrollment in the state's expanded Medicaid health-insurance program effective July 1, 2018

Education Vetoes Affect TPPT Reimbursements, Sponsor Ratings, Tests – Hannah

- Gov. John Kasich blocked or reversed several of lawmakers' attempts to change state education funding and policy with his veto overrides

Rosenberger: Caucus Will Discuss Potential Budget Veto Override – Hannah

- House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) told reporters Wednesday that he did not have a definitive answer over whether the House will be overriding any of Gov. John Kasich's budget vetoes when it meets

Ohio Legislature Could Override Medicaid Freeze, Other Budget Vetoos by Gov. John Kasich – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Gov. John Kasich used his veto pen late Friday night to gut his fellow Republicans' major Medicaid policy changes in the state budget bill, but the budget battle might roll into the following week

House Overrides 11 Budget Vetoes, Leaves Medicaid Freeze Pending – Hannah

- The House voted to override 11 of Gov. John Kasich's line-item budget vetoes to provisions in the FY18-19 budget, HB49, on Thursday but left its decision on freezing enrollment in Medicaid expansion up in the air

Senate Cancels Next Week's Sessions – Hannah

- The prospect of Senate action to override budget vetoes moved further out into the future Monday with an announcement that the chamber cancelled the final if-needed sessions included on its long-term calendar for the first half of 2017

OFCC Subsumes OFSC; Keen Eyes Fix for Charter Building Money – Hannah

- Though its business of overseeing and helping to fund local building projects will continue, the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) will cease to exist as a separate agency this fall, 20 years after its creation under Gov. George Voinovich. Meanwhile, its successor agency will be able to offer a new project option to Ohio school districts under policies adopted in the budget

Ohio Creates Crisis Fund to Help Kids with Behavioral Issues = 2 Columbus Dispatch/Canton Repository

- For the first time, the state is to create a "crisis stabilization fund" that can be tapped to help so-called multi-system youths — those who are in danger of entering the child-protective or juvenile-justice systems due to their disabilities, mental illnesses and dangerous behavioral problems

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Ohio High Schoolers Test Poorly in Math – Columbus Dispatch

- It's too soon to tell how it will shake out for upcoming high school seniors, but preliminary scores on end-of-course tests show mixed results two years after tougher state proficiency tests were put in place

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Removing Ohio Teachers Can Be Long, Expensive Process – Columbus Dispatch

- In 2016, the state Department of Education received 11,537 investigatory "referrals," compared with about 6,000 a decade earlier

Ohio OKs Concealed Guns in Schools, Day-Cares, Churches – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohioans carrying a concealed weapon could legally walk right past "no guns allowed" signs into schools, churches and day-care centers under a measure approved by the Ohio House

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Ohio Postsecondary

Department of Higher Education Receives \$100,000 Challenge Grant – ODHE

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) today announced it has been selected to receive a \$100,000 attainment challenge grant from Lumina Foundation. Funding will support strategic initiatives to increase the state's postsecondary attainment rate to 65 percent by 2025

State Poised to Approve 4-Year Degrees for Community Colleges – Springfield News-Journal

- Community colleges are set to be able to offer "applied bachelor's degrees," according to the most recent version of the state budget bill

Ohio State Considers Limits on Tuition Increases – Columbus Dispatch

- The bad news is tuition and fees might be going up this fall for incoming freshman at Ohio State University. The good news, however, is those rates would then hold steady for four years

Ohio State University Locks in Higher Tuition Rates for Next Four Years – Columbus Dispatch

- The Ohio State University board of trustees voted Tuesday to increase the cost of tuition and fees for incoming freshman this fall, then hold those rates steady for the remainder of that class's four years of study

Grant to Support Ohio's Post-High School Education Attainment Goal – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) recently received a \$100,000 challenge grant to support efforts to boost the proportion of Ohioans with some kind of post-secondary credential

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NATIONAL/WORLD

Federal & US Department of Education

Trump Ed. Dept. Gives States, Districts Extra Time on ESSA Financial Transparency Requirement – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and her team are giving states and districts an extra year to comply with new financial transparency requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act that are aimed at shining a light on how much schools spend on each student. And at least one key civil rights group is unhappy about the delay

Are States Leaning on Waivers from Past Law for Their New Education Plans? – EdWeek

- The short answer seems to be: They are leaning a fair amount on their waiver plans and other work that was going on when waivers were handed out. However, the chiefs were also quick to point out that they are rethinking at least a few high-profile policies, like school improvement, thanks to ESSA's flexibility for states

DeVos's Hard Line on New Education Law Surprises States – New York Times

- Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who made a career of promoting local control of education, has signaled a surprisingly hard-line approach to carrying out an expansive new federal education law, issuing critical feedback that has rattled state school chiefs and conservative education experts alike

NEA Projects Member Losses. A Supreme Court Ruling Could Worsen Them – EdWeek

- The National Education Association is projecting a significant membership dip over its 2017-18 budget year. And that may be only the beginning

Trump Administration's School Choice Plans – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos took over the Education department, first and foremost, to move the ball forward on school choice, her long-time passion. She's been in the job less than six months, but already, time may be running out to get a sweeping school choice initiative over the finish line, at least this year. One big reason: There have been broad, school choice proposals floated, but no details

Feds Find Fewer States Meeting Special Education Obligations – Disability Scoop

- In an annual review, the U.S. Department of Education found that only 22 states deserved the "meets requirements" designation for the 2015-2016 school year. All other states were placed into the "needs assistance" category

2017 Determination Letters on State Implementation of IDEA – USDOE

Like Trump Budget, House Funding Bill Strips Out \$2 Billion for Teacher Training – EdWeek

- The House spending bill that would fund the U.S. Department of Education for the coming budget year seems to mostly ignore the school choice proposals put forward by President Donald Trump and would cut overall spending at the U.S. Department of Education by less than the president proposes

House Appropriations Snub Trump, DeVos School Choice Agenda – US News & World Report

- The spending plan slashes Department of Education funding by \$2.4 billion and virtually ignores the White House's request for more money for school choice proposals

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Education Policy & Finance

Isolated and Segregated: A New Look at the Income Divide in Our Nation's Schooling System – Center for American Progress

- Rising income inequality has contributed to these trends of economic segregation⁶ and thus further exacerbates many of the nation's student achievement issues

Study: Holding Kids Back a Grade Doesn't Necessarily Hold Them Back – NPR

- Our education system has this funny quirk of grouping kids by birth date — rather than, say, intellectual ability or achievement or interest. But developmental pathways are as individual as kids themselves

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Standards & Assessments

When States Pay for SAT or ACT, More Poor Students Go to College – Chalkbeat

- New research finds a simple strategy can modestly boost the share of poor students who go on to college: requiring, and paying for, all students to take the ACT or SAT

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School Choice

Do School Vouchers ‘Work’? As the Debate Heats Up, Here’s What the Research Really Says – Chalkbeat

- Recent studies suggest that vouchers lower student test scores in the short-run. But students who stay in private schools sometimes improve over time

Every Step Counts: Building a School Choice Architecture – MDRC

- This brief offers guidance for current and aspiring school choice architects, including school districts and external support organizations that help families with the school selection process. It draws on insights from MDRC’s extensive work with nearly 30 government agencies, nonprofits, and educational institutions around the country testing different choice architectures — the presentation and framing of choices — and distills key lessons for school choice

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Digital Convergence

7 Digital Learning Trends – THE Journal

- Project Tomorrow recently released information about seven digital learning trends uncovered in their most recent Speak Up research project. Project Tomorrow surveyed more than 514,000 educators, parents and students between October 2016 and January 2017 for this year's report

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

Chan-Zuckerberg to Push an Ambitious New Vision for Personalized Learning – EdWeek

- Pediatrician Priscilla Chan and Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg are gearing up to invest hundreds of millions of dollars a year in a new vision of “whole-child personalized learning,” with the aim of dramatically expanding

the scope and scale of efforts to provide every student with a customized education

Personalized Learning: Modest Gains, Big Challenges, RAND Study Finds – Edweek

- There's new evidence to suggest that customizing instruction for every student can generate modest gains in math and reading scores, according to a report release today by the RAND Corp

Informing Progress: Insights on Personalized Learning Implementation and Effects – RAND Corp.

- We collected data from schools in the Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC)'s Breakthrough School Models program. Our study seeks to describe the practices and strategies these schools used to implement PL, understand some of the challenges and facilitators, and consider these alongside achievement findings to discern patterns that may be informative

Next Generation Learning Models for English Language Learners: Promising Practices and Considerations for Teaching and Learning – iNACOL

- The purpose of this paper is to highlight the promising practices and trends in personalized learning and competency-based education for English language learner (ELL) students. This paper shares case studies and examples from schools and programs that are currently creating personalized, competency-based learning environments for ELL students

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School Safety & Discipline

Beyond Test Scores: Indiana Schools Could Get Graded for Culture and Climate – Indianapolis Star

- The state's Department of Education released Friday afternoon the first draft of its plan to comply with new federal requirements for measuring school performance among other things

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Mental Health & Wellness

Social-Emotional Learning Has Long-Lasting Positive Effects on Students, Study Says – EdWeek

- Programs that teach students how to recognize their emotions, solve problems, and form healthy relationships may continue to show positive benefits for students months, or even years, after they complete them, a new meta-analysis finds

Promoting Positive Youth Development Through School-Based Social and Emotional Learning Interventions: A Meta-Analysis of Follow-Up Effects – Child Development/Wiley Online Library

- Follow-up outcomes (collected 6 months to 18 years postintervention) demonstrate SEL's enhancement of positive youth development. Participants fared significantly better than controls in social-emotional skills, attitudes, and indicators of well-being. Benefits were similar regardless of students' race, socioeconomic background, or school location

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Early Learning

California Leads Gold Rush of State Pre-K Funding – US News & World Report

- State-funded pre-kindergarten reached an all-time high, with about 1.5 million children served nationally, according to the latest data from the National Institute for Early Education Research. To boot, total state funding for

pre-kindergarten increased 8 percent, or \$564 million, year over year, for a total of \$7.4 billion

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Call for More Transparency on College and Careers – Inside Higher Ed

- The number and variety of postsecondary credentials, providers and occupations are multiplying rapidly, finds a new report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, but a lack of good information about college and careers "drives the higher education market toward mediocrity"

Career Pathways: Five Ways to Connect College and Careers – Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

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Competency-Based Education, Put to the Test

- An inside look at learning and assessment at Western Governors University

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STEM ‘Deserts’ in the Poorest Schools: How Can We Fix Them? – EdWeek

- Students attending high-poverty schools tend to have fewer science materials, fewer opportunities, and less access to the most rigorous mathematics classes, like calculus and physics, than students attending low-poverty schools, a new analysis points out

Leveraging ESSA to Promote Science and STEM Education in States – Achieve

- This brief provides a landscape analysis of all states' current assessment requirements and graduation requirements in science to help set the national policy context for science

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Data

Time to Act 2017: Put Data in the Hands of People – Data Quality Campaign

- This paper provides a landscape of state efforts on the Four Policy Priorities as well as a clear set of actions that must be taken to fully realize the power of data to support students

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in

purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49 OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee -- Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Rutherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEY (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the

requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee -- Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political

subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

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SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for

each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82 SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located
STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs
STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

STATUS: Introduced

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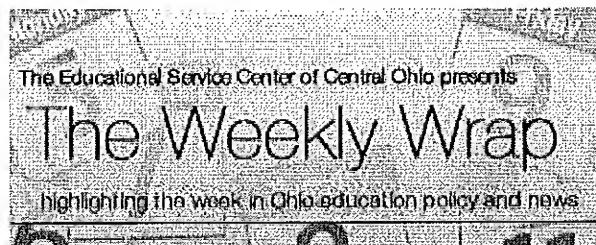
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FEATURED ITEMS

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES ESSA PLAN – *The State Board of Education met this week and approved an amended Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan to be forwarded on to Governor Kasich for review. State Board committees have been meeting and reviewing the plan for several months after submission to the U.S. Department of Education was delayed this past spring. The Governor will now review the plan prior to submission for federal approval in September.*

State Board Approves ESSA Plan; Third Grade Reading Guarantee Cut Score – Hannah

- The Ohio State Board of Education voted unanimously Tuesday to approve an amended version of the state's plan for implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in addition to approving an English and language arts cut score for the third grade reading guarantee and postponing a vote on recommending changes to end-of-course testing requirements to a future meeting

State School Board Approves Bare Bones ESSA Plan with a Few Adjustments – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state's new education plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) makes few changes that anyone will directly notice in classrooms. But anger over the first version of Ohio's bare-bones plan put a few more noticeable changes in motion, including some reductions in state testing - with more likely on the way

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – ODE

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, asks Ohio to clearly articulate its plans for using federal funds to ensure accountability for all students, create safe and supportive learning environments, encourage innovation and extended learning opportunities, and more

STATE TEST SCORES SHOW GENERAL IMPROVEMENT – *The State Board of Education was briefed by State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria on student test score results from the 2016-17 school year. In grades three through eight, statewide student proficiency rates improved on 15 of 16 assessments. On the ten high school end-of-course assessments, statewide proficiency rates increased on five and decreased on five. Schools and districts are currently reviewing and verifying their respective data with Local Report Cards due to be released September 15th.*

Ohio High Schoolers Test Poorly in Math – Columbus Dispatch

- It's too soon to tell how it will shake out for upcoming high school seniors, but preliminary scores on end-of-course tests show mixed results two years after tougher state proficiency tests were put in place

Ohio Students Scored Better on English Tests This Year, But Sometimes Worse in Math – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Ohio students scored better on the state's English tests this year than last year - with proficiency rates rising 5-6% for most grades - but they had much smaller gains in math and sometimes scored worse

Early Numbers Show General Improvement in Student Test Scores – Hannah

- Ohio students performed better this spring on the vast majority of state tests in elementary and middle schools compared to last year's results, while results on end-of-course exams taken at the high school level were mixed

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OHIO

Central Ohio Schools

Franklin County Property Values Expected to Increase by Double Digits – Columbus Dispatch

- Property values in Franklin County are expected to rise by double digits when results from a reappraisal are finalized this year, the Franklin County auditor’s office said

Women, Minorities See Barriers to Schools' Top Job – Columbus Dispatch

- At the classroom level, where superintendents start their careers, 75 percent of teachers are women, which matches the national figure. But fewer than 16 percent of Ohio superintendents are women, according to Ohio Department

of Education data. Women make up around 25 percent of superintendents nationally

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

District Technology Director Goes to Washington – This Week

- Paul Ross vacated the district's technology-director position at the end of June. Ross said he has accepted a position as the new technology director for the Federal Way Public Schools in King County, Washington

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

Columbus School Board Approves Budget, Remains Silent on Teacher Raises – Columbus Dispatch

- The Columbus Board of Education passed a \$1.37 billion spending plan for the 2017-18 school year on Friday that left the fate of whether its teachers would get a pay raise up in the air

"Errors" Could Unfairly Force Some Ohio Students to Repeat Third Grade, School Officials Warn – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Hundreds - possibly thousands - of Ohio third graders may be held back and blocked from going to fourth grade this fall because of "errors" in setting the scores they need on reading tests to advance, officials of the Akron, Canton and Columbus school districts say

More Ohio Third Graders Could Be Held Back after State Testing Changes – Columbus Dispatch

- Several urban school districts, including Columbus City Schools, say changes in scoring on the state's reading tests might have left hundreds, or even thousands, of students at risk of being held back in August

DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER

Kasich Signs DACC Funding Bill – Delaware Gazette

- State Representatives Andrew Brenner (R-Powell) and Rick Carfagna (R-Genoa Township) commended Governor John Kasich's signing of legislation they jointly sponsored to ensure funding for the Delaware Area Career Center, as approved by county residents in 2015

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

Delaware City Schools Approves New Hires, Pay Increase – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved hiring a number of new teachers and approved a 2-percent pay increase for staff at their meeting

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

Laptops Are First Step in Dublin's Move Away from Textbooks – This Week

- When sixth- and ninth-graders return to classes in the Dublin City School District after summer break, they'll be outfitted with new Google Chromebook laptop computers to use in and out of the classroom

Hoadley Will Address Personnel Policies July 13 – This Week

- Dublin Superintendent Todd Hoadley said he plans Thursday, July 13, to discuss the school district's plan to review policies and procedures in the wake of former Dublin Scioto High School social-studies teacher Gregory Lee's arrest on federal pornography charges

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

G-J's Schmidt Makes Northridge Finalist List – This Week

- Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools' Assistant Superintendent Scott Schmidt is a finalist for the superintendent's post with Northridge Local Schools in Licking County

Northridge Picks Schmidt as Next Superintendent – This Week

- The Northridge Local School District announced today, July 7, that the school board intends to hire Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools' Scott Schmidt as its next superintendent

District Will Bid Schmidt Farewell – This Week

- The Northridge Local School District announced July 7 the school board intends to hire Scott Schmidt, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools' assistant superintendent, as its next superintendent

Gahanna-Jefferson's Schmidt Chosen to Lead Northridge Schools – Columbus Dispatch

- The central office shuffle continues in central Ohio school districts. Northridge schools in northern Licking County announced on Friday that its new superintendent will be Scott Schmidt

District to Have One Preschool Site – This Week

- The Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools' preschool program will be in one location at Clark Hall, 380 Granville St., beginning next month

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

District Loads Lessons into Compressed Math Classes – This Week

- The Grandview Heights City School District will offer a new, compressed math course in 2017-18 that squeezes a year and a half's worth of learning into a single school year

Building Options Culled, But More Opinions Needed – This Week District Notebook

- Andy Culp, superintendent of Grandview Heights City Schools, writes that the district's master facilities planning process is making significant progress

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Groveport Madison Logo Debate Rages On; Also New Scoreboard Approved – Columbus Messenger

- The Groveport Madison Board of Education could not reach a consensus on July 12 regarding a decision on a new "GM" logo for the district

HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS

District Signs Off on ASL Classes – This Week

- This school year, Hilliard for the first time will offer American Sign Language as a course at the McVey Innovative Learning Center

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Licking Heights Discusses Future Uses for Former Jersey School – Pataskala Standard

- Even though voters in May approved a new building issue, Licking Heights Local Schools is not closing the door on a currently-unused school

NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

PI Levy Options Sent to Auditor – This Week

- New Albany-Plain Local School school board members have taken another step toward putting a permanent-improvements levy on the November ballot

NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Northridge Selects Gahanna-Jefferson Administrator as New Superintendent – Newark Advocate

- Scott Schmidt will officially be hired by Northridge's Board of Education at its meeting July 17. Northridge's previous superintendent, Chris Briggs, left the district to take the superintendent position at Pickerington Local Schools

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REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Partnerships Needed to Change Mindsets about Bullying – This Week

- Changing mindsets. Creating a better culture. For a group of Reynoldsburg parents and some school board members, those are two overall goals to work toward as a way to combat bullying

TOLLES CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

New Superintendent Picked at Tolles Career & Technical Center – Columbus Business First

- Tolles Career & Technical Center has hired a new superintendent who says she understands the critical issue of companies not being able to find skilled workers

Benson Named New Tolles Superintendent – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- The Tolles Career and Technical Center Board of Education approved the hiring of Emmy Beeson as the district's new superintendent during their regular meeting

Tolles Welcomes New Superintendent – Columbus Messenger

- The Tolles Career & Technical Center school board approved the hiring of Emmy Beeson as the district's new superintendent

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Plans End in Request on Ballot – This Week

- After more than two years of community outreach and planning, the Upper Arlington Board of Education took the final step last week to place a combined 8.92-mill levy and bond issue on the November ballot

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

District Once Again Hopes to Duck Ballot – This Week

- Fiscal year 2017 came to a close June 30, leaving Whitehall schools closer to a balanced ledger than its leaders predicted last July

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Bowers Says Facilities Plan Still in Play – This Week

- Worthington City Schools' facilities plan still is in process

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

ESSA Plan, Testing Recommendations, Reading Cut Score on School Board Agenda – Hannah

- The State Board of Education is scheduled to vote next week to recommend changes to state testing requirements, though lawmakers have already moved ahead on that front

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- The Ohio State Board of Education voted unanimously Tuesday to approve an amended version of the state's plan for implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in addition to approving an English and language arts cut score for the third grade reading guarantee and postponing a vote on recommending changes to end-of-course testing requirements to a future meeting

State School Board Approves Bare Bones ESSA Plan with a Few Adjustments – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state's new education plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) makes few changes that anyone will directly notice in classrooms. But anger over the first version of Ohio's bare-bones plan put a few more noticeable changes in motion, including some reductions in state testing - with more likely on the way

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – ODE

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, asks Ohio to clearly articulate its plans for using federal funds to ensure accountability for all students, create safe and supportive learning environments, encourage innovation and extended learning opportunities, and more

School Board Looks to Next Steps on Graduation Requirements – Hannah

- With new options for the class of 2018 to earn a diploma now on the books, the State Board of Education discussed plans for next steps Tuesday,

including how to determine if the new options are working and what to do for the class of 2019

State to Take Over as Sponsor of Two Reynoldsburg Charter Schools – Columbus Dispatch

- Two local charter schools originally overseen by Reynoldsburg schools will come under the sponsorship of the state of Ohio

"Errors" Could Unfairly Force Some Ohio Students to Repeat Third Grade, School Officials Warn – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Hundreds - possibly thousands - of Ohio third graders may be held back and blocked from going to fourth grade this fall because of "errors" in setting the scores they need on reading tests to advance, officials of the Akron, Canton and Columbus school districts say

District Profile Webpage Upload Available July 15 - August 15 – ODE

- Beginning with the September 2017 report cards, the Department will include a link to a webpage your district can choose to create that describes your unique qualities and successes. Your district must provide its webpage URL to the Department between July 15 and Aug. 15, 2017

Requirements for Foster Care Students – ODE

- All guidance and support documents are located on the Department's website. You will find the model best interest determination form, sample transportation form and the most up-to-date lists of district, community school, educational service center and county child welfare agency points of contact

ODE Offers Resources for Coaches on Student Cardiac Arrest Law – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) said this week it has added resources to the Learning Management System, its online professional development network, for coaches at public and private schools to comply with Lindsay's Law, which is meant to prepare coaches to respond to sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes

Coaches May Now Take New Required Training through LMS – ODE

- To help public and nonpublic schools fulfill annual requirements included in the new Sudden Cardiac Arrest Law (also known as Lindsay's Law), the Ohio Department of Education has placed within its Learning Management System (LMS) the Ohio Department of Health's new 20-minute video and a related fact sheet on this topic

Career Advising Professional Learning Toolkit – ODE

- Career Connections offer practical ways for teachers and school counselors, families and community members to show students, as early as in kindergarten, the types of jobs possible for them

Ohio Expands Options for Students to Earn Industry-Recognized Credentials – ODE

- Ohio? 9s high school students now have 49 more industry-recognized credentials at their fingertips, thanks to the input of companies and industries throughout the state. The Ohio Department of Education added the credentials to guide career-based program development and help students understand and prepare for Ohio's in-demand jobs and careers

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Updates for 2017 Administration – ODE

- The Ohio Department of Education requires public school districts and community schools to administer the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) to all first-tim kindergarten students. Do not administer the KRA to any student retained in kindergarten

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

HB49 Budget Bill Comparison Document as Enacted – LSC

HB49 Budget in Brief as Enacted - LSC

HB49 Budget in Detail - LSC

Kasich Signs Budget Minutes before Midnight with 47 Vetoes – Hannah

- Gov. John Kasich put his signature on the budget at 11:52 p.m. Friday night, minutes before FY18 was set to begin. He told reporters that overall he is satisfied with the budget, despite 47 vetoes including language that would prevent the state from adding new enrollees under the Medicaid expansion authorized under the Affordable Care Act

Two State Tests Eliminated for Ohio School Students – Dayton Daily News

- Ohio students will see a slight reduction in state testing in the upcoming school year, as the state budget bill eliminated the fourth- and sixth-grade state social studies tests, effective immediately

In Defense of Veto, Kasich Contends Medicaid-Enrollment Freeze Is Illegal – Columbus Dispatch

- Fellow Republican Kasich unleashed 47 line-item vetoes, the most-prominent sidelining a move by the legislature's Republican majority to prevent new enrollment in the state's expanded Medicaid health-insurance program effective July 1, 2018

Education Vetoes Affect TPPT Reimbursements, Sponsor Ratings, Tests – Hannah

- Gov. John Kasich blocked or reversed several of lawmakers' attempts to change state education funding and policy with his veto overrides

Rosenberger: Caucus Will Discuss Potential Budget Veto Override – Hannah

- House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) told reporters Wednesday that he did not have a definitive answer over whether the House will be overriding any of Gov. John Kasich's budget vetoes when it meets

Ohio Legislature Could Override Medicaid Freeze, Other Budget Vetoos by Gov. John Kasich – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Gov. John Kasich used his veto pen late Friday night to gut his fellow Republicans' major Medicaid policy changes in the state budget bill, but the budget battle might roll into the following week

House Overrides 11 Budget Vetoes, Leaves Medicaid Freeze Pending – Hannah

- The House voted to override 11 of Gov. John Kasich's line-item budget vetoes to provisions in the FY18-19 budget, HB49, on Thursday but left its decision on freezing enrollment in Medicaid expansion up in the air

Senate Cancels Next Week's Sessions – Hannah

- The prospect of Senate action to override budget vetoes moved further out into the future Monday with an announcement that the chamber cancelled the final if-needed sessions included on its long-term calendar for the first half of 2017

OFCC Subsumes OFSC; Keen Eyes Fix for Charter Building Money – Hannah

- Though its business of overseeing and helping to fund local building projects will continue, the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) will cease to exist as a separate agency this fall, 20 years after its creation under Gov. George Voinovich. Meanwhile, its successor agency will be able to offer a new project option to Ohio school districts under policies adopted in the budget

Ohio Creates Crisis Fund to Help Kids with Behavioral Issues = 2 Columbus Dispatch/Canton Repository

- For the first time, the state is to create a "crisis stabilization fund" that can be tapped to help so-called multi-system youths — those who are in danger of entering the child-protective or juvenile-justice systems due to their disabilities, mental illnesses and dangerous behavioral problems

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Ohio High Schoolers Test Poorly in Math – Columbus Dispatch

- It's too soon to tell how it will shake out for upcoming high school seniors, but preliminary scores on end-of-course tests show mixed results two years after tougher state proficiency tests were put in place

Ohio Students Scored Better on English Tests This Year, But Sometimes Worse in Math – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- Ohio students scored better on the state's English tests this year than last year - with proficiency rates rising 5-6% for most grades - but they had much smaller gains in math and sometimes scored worse

Early Numbers Show General Improvement in Student Test Scores – Hannah

- Ohio students performed better this spring on the vast majority of state tests in elementary and middle schools compared to last year's results, while results on end-of-course exams taken at the high school level were mixed

Removing Ohio Teachers Can Be Long, Expensive Process – Columbus Dispatch

- In 2016, the state Department of Education received 11,537 investigatory "referrals," compared with about 6,000 a decade earlier

Ohio OKs Concealed Guns in Schools, Day-Cares, Churches – Columbus Dispatch

- Ohioans carrying a concealed weapon could legally walk right past "no guns allowed" signs into schools, churches and day-care centers under a measure approved by the Ohio House

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Ohio Schools

Women, Minorities See Barriers to Schools' Top Job – Columbus Dispatch

- At the classroom level, where superintendents start their careers, 75 percent of teachers are women, which matches the national figure. But fewer than 16 percent of Ohio superintendents are women, according to Ohio Department of Education data. Women make up around 25 percent of superintendents nationally

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Ohio Postsecondary

Department of Higher Education Receives \$100,000 Challenge Grant – ODHE

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) today announced it has been selected to receive a \$100,000 attainment challenge grant from Lumina Foundation. Funding will support strategic initiatives to increase the state's postsecondary attainment rate to 65 percent by 2025

State Poised to Approve 4-Year Degrees for Community Colleges – Springfield News-Journal

- Community colleges are set to be able to offer "applied bachelor's degrees," according to the most recent version of the state budget bill

Ohio State Considers Limits on Tuition Increases – Columbus Dispatch

- The bad news is tuition and fees might be going up this fall for incoming freshman at Ohio State University. The good news, however, is those rates would then hold steady for four years

Ohio State University Locks in Higher Tuition Rates for Next Four Years – Columbus Dispatch

- The Ohio State University board of trustees voted Tuesday to increase the cost of tuition and fees for incoming freshman this fall, then hold those rates steady for the remainder of that class's four years of study

Grant to Support Ohio's Post-High School Education Attainment Goal – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) recently received a \$100,000 challenge grant to support efforts to boost the proportion of Ohioans with some kind of post-secondary credential

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NATIONAL/WORLD

Federal & US Department of Education

Trump Ed. Dept. Gives States, Districts Extra Time on ESSA Financial Transparency Requirement – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and her team are giving states and districts an extra year to comply with new financial transparency requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act that are aimed at shining a light on how much schools spend on each student. And at least one key civil rights group is unhappy about the delay

Are States Leaning on Waivers from Past Law for Their New Education Plans? – EdWeek

- The short answer seems to be: They are leaning a fair amount on their waiver plans and other work that was going on when waivers were handed out. However, the chiefs were also quick to point out that they are rethinking at least a few high-profile policies, like school improvement, thanks to ESSA's flexibility for states

DeVos's Hard Line on New Education Law Surprises States – New York Times

- Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who made a career of promoting local control of education, has signaled a surprisingly hard-line approach to carrying out an expansive new federal education law, issuing critical feedback that has rattled state school chiefs and conservative education experts alike

NEA Projects Member Losses. A Supreme Court Ruling Could Worsen Them – EdWeek

- The National Education Association is projecting a significant membership dip over its 2017-18 budget year. And that may be only the beginning

Trump Administration's School Choice Plans – EdWeek

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos took over the Education department, first and foremost, to move the ball forward on school choice, her long-time passion. She's been in the job less than six months, but already, time may be running out to get a sweeping school choice initiative over the finish line, at least this year. One big reason: There have been broad, school choice proposals floated, but no details

Feds Find Fewer States Meeting Special Education Obligations – Disability Scoop

- In an annual review, the U.S. Department of Education found that only 22 states deserved the “meets requirements” designation for the 2015-2016 school year. All other states were placed into the “needs assistance” category

2017 Determination Letters on State Implementation of IDEA – USDOE

Like Trump Budget, House Funding Bill Strips Out \$2 Billion for Teacher Training – EdWeek

- The House spending bill that would fund the U.S. Department of Education for the coming budget year seems to mostly ignore the school choice proposals put forward by President Donald Trump and would cut overall spending at the U.S. Department of Education by less than the president proposes

House Appropriations Snub Trump, DeVos School Choice Agenda – US News & World Report

- The spending plan slashes Department of Education funding by \$2.4 billion and virtually ignores the White House's request for more money for school choice proposals

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Education Policy & Finance

Isolated and Segregated: A New Look at the Income Divide in Our Nation’s Schooling System – Center for American Progress

- Rising income inequality has contributed to these trends of economic segregation⁶ and thus further exacerbates many of the nation’s student achievement issues

Study: Holding Kids Back a Grade Doesn’t Necessarily Hold Them Back – NPR

- Our education system has this funny quirk of grouping kids by birth date — rather than, say, intellectual ability or achievement or interest. But developmental pathways are as individual as kids themselves

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Standards & Assessments

When States Pay for SAT or ACT, More Poor Students Go to College – Chalkbeat

- New research finds a simple strategy can modestly boost the share of poor students who go on to college: requiring, and paying for, all students to take the ACT or SAT

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School Choice

Do School Vouchers ‘Work’? As the Debate Heats Up, Here’s What the Research Really Says – Chalkbeat

- Recent studies suggest that vouchers lower student test scores in the short-run. But students who stay in private schools sometimes improve over time

Every Step Counts: Building a School Choice Architecture – MDRC

- This brief offers guidance for current and aspiring school choice architects, including school districts and external support organizations that help families with the school selection process. It draws on insights from MDRC’s extensive work with nearly 30 government agencies, nonprofits, and educational institutions around the country testing different choice architectures — the presentation and framing of choices — and distills key lessons for school choice

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Digital Convergence

7 Digital Learning Trends – THE Journal

- Project Tomorrow recently released information about seven digital learning trends uncovered in their most recent Speak Up research project. Project Tomorrow surveyed more than 514,000 educators, parents and students between October 2016 and January 2017 for this year's report

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Personalized Learning Frameworks

Chan-Zuckerberg to Push an Ambitious New Vision for Personalized Learning – EdWeek

- Pediatrician Priscilla Chan and Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg are gearing up to invest hundreds of millions of dollars a year in a new vision of “whole-child personalized learning,” with the aim of dramatically expanding

the scope and scale of efforts to provide every student with a customized education

Personalized Learning: Modest Gains, Big Challenges, RAND Study Finds – Edweek

- There's new evidence to suggest that customizing instruction for every student can generate modest gains in math and reading scores, according to a report release today by the RAND Corp

Informing Progress: Insights on Personalized Learning Implementation and Effects – RAND Corp.

- We collected data from schools in the Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC)'s Breakthrough School Models program. Our study seeks to describe the practices and strategies these schools used to implement PL, understand some of the challenges and facilitators, and consider these alongside achievement findings to discern patterns that may be informative

Next Generation Learning Models for English Language Learners: Promising Practices and Considerations for Teaching and Learning – iNACOL

- The purpose of this paper is to highlight the promising practices and trends in personalized learning and competency-based education for English language learner (ELL) students. This paper shares case studies and examples from schools and programs that are currently creating personalized, competency-based learning environments for ELL students

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School Safety & Discipline

Beyond Test Scores: Indiana Schools Could Get Graded for Culture and Climate – Indianapolis Star

- The state's Department of Education released Friday afternoon the first draft of its plan to comply with new federal requirements for measuring school performance among other things

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Mental Health & Wellness

Social-Emotional Learning Has Long-Lasting Positive Effects on Students, Study Says – EdWeek

- Programs that teach students how to recognize their emotions, solve problems, and form healthy relationships may continue to show positive benefits for students months, or even years, after they complete them, a new meta-analysis finds

Promoting Positive Youth Development Through School-Based Social and Emotional Learning Interventions: A Meta-Analysis of Follow-Up Effects – Child Development/Wiley Online Library

- Follow-up outcomes (collected 6 months to 18 years postintervention) demonstrate SEL's enhancement of positive youth development. Participants fared significantly better than controls in social-emotional skills, attitudes, and indicators of well-being. Benefits were similar regardless of students' race, socioeconomic background, or school location

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Early Learning

California Leads Gold Rush of State Pre-K Funding – US News & World Report

- State-funded pre-kindergarten reached an all-time high, with about 1.5 million children served nationally, according to the latest data from the National Institute for Early Education Research. To boot, total state funding for

pre-kindergarten increased 8 percent, or \$564 million, year over year, for a total of \$7.4 billion

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Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness

Call for More Transparency on College and Careers – Inside Higher Ed

- The number and variety of postsecondary credentials, providers and occupations are multiplying rapidly, finds a new report from the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, but a lack of good information about college and careers "drives the higher education market toward mediocrity"

Career Pathways: Five Ways to Connect College and Careers – Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce

- Career Pathways: Five Ways to Connect College and Careers posits that integrating education and workforce data will go a long way in removing the guesswork for individuals navigating the college and career maze. A number of states have started to leverage integrated education and workforce data by developing publicly available information tools in these five areas

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Competency-Based Education, Put to the Test

- An inside look at learning and assessment at Western Governors University

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Governors Tout Funding Support for Computer Science Classes, PD – Education Dive

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STEM ‘Deserts’ in the Poorest Schools: How Can We Fix Them? – EdWeek

- Students attending high-poverty schools tend to have fewer science materials, fewer opportunities, and less access to the most rigorous mathematics classes, like calculus and physics, than students attending low-poverty schools, a new analysis points out

Leveraging ESSA to Promote Science and STEM Education in States – Achieve

- This brief provides a landscape analysis of all states' current assessment requirements and graduation requirements in science to help set the national policy context for science

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Data

Time to Act 2017: Put Data in the Hands of People – Data Quality Campaign

- This paper provides a landscape of state efforts on the Four Policy Priorities as well as a clear set of actions that must be taken to fully realize the power of data to support students

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in

purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49 OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: (Passed by House) (Passed by Senate) Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017; House has voted to override several vetoes; Senate considering

HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out

HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Rutherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the

requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political

subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: Introduced

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SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for

each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1

SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House as amended on Floor, Vote 97-0

SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB34 SCHOOL YEARS (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 24-9

SB82 SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB85 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located
STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee

SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs
STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee

SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information
STATUS: Senate Education Committee

SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation
STATUS: Senate Finance Committee

SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections
STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee

SB172 HUNGER-FREE STUDENTS RIGHTS (Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish the Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act to require schools to provide certain services to students who are eligible for free or reduced price meals

STATUS: Introduced

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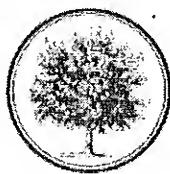
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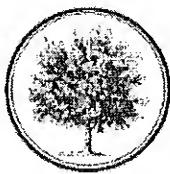
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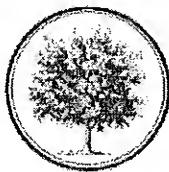
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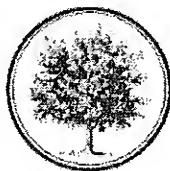
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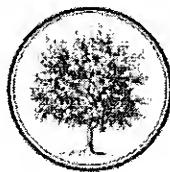
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